

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-15 were pending in the application. Claims 2, 3, 10, and 11 have been amended. Claims 1 and 9 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Therefore, claims 2-3, 5-8 and 10-15 are now pending and submitted for reconsideration.

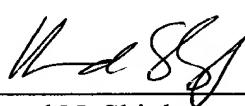
The indication that claims 2 and 10 contain allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated. Accordingly, claims 2 and 10 have been rewritten into independent form and are now in condition for allowance. Independent claims 3 and 11 have been amended to include the elements of allowable claims 2 and 10, respectively. Claims 5-8 depend from claim 3 and claims 12-15 depend from claim 11. Therefore, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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